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1. **Helmut Gebauer** formerly **chief** of Hauptverwaltung Schiffbau (shipbuilding Main Administration) was dismissed without notice and simultaneously transferred to **VEB Warnowwerft** in Warnemuende. Gebauer's transfer was obviously **instigated by** the SED which reproached him for "bourgeois inclinations". Production chief Riedermann [illegible] was appointed temporary **chief** of the shipbuilding main administration. The name of Gebauer's successor was not yet disclosed; it was, however, believed that Riedermann had some chance of becoming his successor.

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Immediate dismissals at **VEB Warnowwerft** in Warnemuende included **Erich Druf** shipyard manager and **Rudi Geist,** managing engineer, as well as the labor manager, the commercial manager and the chief technologist. The successors of the dismissed key persons were unknown. 25X1

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